Principal energy dues	:	Rs. 1328.01 Crores
Surcharge	:	Rs. 221.72 Crores
Outstanding Bond amount	:	Rs. 713.81 Crores
Interest outstandig on above bonds	:	Rs. 294.92 Crores
TOTAL	:	**Rs. 2558.46 Crores**

Out of the above outstanding dues, an amount of Rs. 1211.76 Crores would be securitized under the scheme for one-time settlement and accordingly, Rs. 1102.88 crore of 8.5% tax-free bonds would be issued by Government of Orissa after waiving surcharge of Rs. 108.88 crores.

(b) and (c) Apart from the help of securitization which is going to cover an amount of Rs. 1211.76 crore of the outstanding dues, on request from GRIDCO to the Government of India, Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has conveyed its in-principle sanction for providing transitional short-term loan of Rs. 1200 crores. However, GRIDCO has not fulfilled the terms and conditions of the loan sanctioned by PFC. Therefore, only an amount of Rs. 200 crore has been disbursed by PFC to GRIDCO as ad-hoc tranche and remaining amount is yet to be drawn by GRIDCO. In view of the above situation default of GRIDCO to NTPC is continuing.

Setting up of Power Grid Station in district of Bihar

1878. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar Government has not yet signed the Memorandum of Understanding nor allotted land for setting up of a power grid station in Saran District.

(b) if so, how the foundation stone was laid in June, 2003; and

(c) by when the project will start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Memorandum of Agreement, revised on the basis of discussion held with Government of Bihar/Bihar State Electricity Board has been set to the Government of Bihar/Bihar State Electricity Board for signing of the same by the competent authority and is likely to be finalized very soon. The works will begin immediately after signing of the agreement and receipt of 1st tranche of grant. The same are expected to be completed progressively

in a period of two years from the date of receipt of 1st tranche of grant. The land required for the project and other associated clearnaces are required to be made available to POWERGRID by the Government of Bihar at the time of commencement of the project.

Ranganadi Hydro Electric Dam

1879. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether discharge of water from Ranganadi Hydro Electric Dam through Dikrong River of Assam has taken place; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action contemplated to take up flood protection measures of Dikrong River as part of the total project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. The transfer of water from Ranganadi Hydro Electric Project to the Dikrong River has taken place since the commissioning of Ranganadi H.E. Project in January, 2002.

(b) The water conductor system of the project has been designed for a peak discharge of 160 cumecs. The actual discharge, into Dikrong River, however, depends onthe generation at Ranganadi Power House. In lean season, only 1 unit of the project can be run at 65 MW continuously which would discharge about 26 cumes of water to Dikrong River.

Due to additional maximum discharge of 160 cumecs in monsoon months, rise of water level in different stretches of the Dikrong River in Assam portion would range from 7cm. to 12 cm. At Banderdewa, the rise would be 7 cm. and at Sissapathar the same will be 12 cm. The observed peak flow of Dikrong River at Sissapathar bridge is 2500 cumes (upto 1997). The incremental discharge of 160 cumecs is very insignificant in comparison.

The flood protection work of the downstream reaches of Dikrong river beyond Banderdewa Bridge as existing (without transfer of 160 cumecs of water from Ranganadi basin to Dikrong basin) is not sufficient to retain the observed 2500 cumecs discharge of river Dikrong during the peak flood season. No embankment has so far been constructed by the